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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find copies of documents, discussed on pages 2 and 3 of Applicants' specification, to be considered during examination of the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the submitted documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed English Abstracts of the Japanese documents, as well as by discussion of these documents on pages 2 and 3 of Applicants' specification.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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